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State Reopens California Memorial Scholarship Program for Dependents of Victims of 9/11 Tragedy

Sacramento, CA – The California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board (VCGCB) announced today the California Memorial Scholarship Program has been reopened to surviving California resident dependents of those killed as a result of injuries sustained during the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

The California Memorial Scholarship Program provides scholarships of up to \$5,000 for education expenses. The scholarships must be used at eligible vocational, technical and trade schools, or four-year colleges, universities, and two-year colleges, to pay for qualified higher education expenses. The deadline for applications is no later than July 1, 2016. Participants have until their 30th birthday or not later than July 1, 2026 to utilize the scholarship funds, or any remaining money in the participants' account will revert to the **Governor's Office of Emergency Services** Antiterrorism Fund.

The program is funded through the sale of September 11th memorial license plates authorized by the California State Legislature in 2002.

Dependents, or the parents or guardians of minor dependents, were originally notified of their eligibility for the program by VCGCB in 2003. At the time, interested dependents needed to execute a participation agreement by the June 30, 2005 deadline set by the Legislature. However, because of surplus funds, SB 384 (Gaines, Chapter 242, Statutes of 2014) was signed by Governor Brown in August 2014, to reopen the program for eligible dependents in order to ensure that all surviving dependents have had an opportunity to apply for the program.

If you or someone you know might be eligible for this program, please contact VCGCB as soon as possible at (916) 491-3758 or at anita.ahuja@vcgcb.ca.gov.

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The California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP) provides compensation for victims of violent crime who are injured or threatened with injury. Among the crimes covered are domestic violence, child abuse, sexual and physical assault, homicide, robbery, and vehicular manslaughter. Last fiscal year, the program assisted over 800 individuals each week, and provided over \$61 million in compensation to crime victims.

If a person meets eligibility criteria, CalVCP will compensate many types of services when the costs are not covered by other sources. Eligible services include medical and dental care, mental health services, income loss, funeral expenses, rehabilitation and relocation. Funding for CalVCP comes from restitution fines and orders, penalty assessments levied on persons convicted of crimes and traffic offenses, and matching federal funds.

For more information about victims' rights and services, visit CalVCP at calvcp.ca.gov.